

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 0029 (as numbered in the patent application publication 2004/0134323) as follows:

[0029] The sliding miter saw includes a ram [4] slidably received in a guiding groove extending fully across the upper surface of the turntable [2] and arranged in a substantially diametrical ~~direction~~ position. A linear bearing is provided in the guiding groove (see FIGS. 6 and 11) which constitutes three elongate, low friction plates [40-43]. A first fixing member [17] and a second fixing member [18] in the form of elongate compressor plates are fixed on the turntable [2] to restrain the up-and-down movement of the ram [4] permitting a smooth sliding movement of the ram [4] in the guiding groove. A front end portion of the ram [4] extends beyond the turntable [2] when the ram [4] is at its extreme position (as shown in FIG. 2). An elongate slot [15] is provided on a front portion of the ram [4] under the saw blade [8] and receives the saw blade [8] when the saw unit is pivoted downwardly to the working position.